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The SED Central Party Control Commission (ZPKK) is concerning itself with Otto Grotewohl, Grotewohl's wife and Friedrich Ebert. Specifically, the ZPKK is questioning their conduct in the Zaisser-Herrnstadt crisis. Action against the three individuals had been initiated by Walter Ulbricht, but was halted through Wilhelm Pieck's and Soviet Ambassador Georgi M. Pushkin's intervention.

Comment: Were it not for Soviet influence, open animosity between Ulbricht and Grotewohl would already have caused several heads to roll.

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